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### **BINGAMAN REACTS TO APPOINTMENT OF NEW LOS ALAMOS LAB DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman today said he looks forward to working with Robert W. Kuckuck, who was appointed today to be the new Los Alamos National Laboratory director.

"Robert Kuckuck clearly has the experience and expertise needed to maintain the level of scientific excellence for which LANL is known," Bingaman said. "I look forward to working with him."

"I have a lot of respect for the staff there who have and continue to serve the nation well in their stewardship of the our nuclear stockpile, as well as performing cutting edge research that maintains America's leadership in the sciences," Bingaman said.

Bingaman also said he was dismayed by comments made about LANL at a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing Thursday.

"LANL has faced some difficult challenges, but it was, is, and will remain a top-notch laboratory that our country continues to turn to for advancements in science and for our national security," Bingaman said.